



THE CITY OF  
**CANTON**

THOMAS M. BERNABEI, MAYOR

February 12, 2019

Mr. Brett Watson, Mayor  
Ms. Karen Diemer, City Manager  
City of Arcata  
736 F Street  
Arcata, CA 95521

Dear Mayor Watson and Ms. Diemer,

In follow up to our several conversations, on behalf of the Canton community I am offering \$15,000 to the City of Arcata for the statue of President William McKinley. Our offer is limited to this amount because we will be incurring significant additional costs related to transportation, restoration and reinstallation of the statue in a suitable location in Canton, if we are successful in obtaining the statue.

As you are aware, Canton's history and President McKinley's life are closely intertwined and he remains inextricably linked to the civic identity of Canton. Attached is a narrative outlining that history and legacy and our plans for the future of the statue. We promise that the statue will be displayed in a manner most befitting President McKinley, the grandeur of the statue, its history in Arcata and our appreciation to the City of Arcata. While a specific site has not been selected, I am attaching a representative photo sampling of the kinds of locations in Canton that will be considered.

We hope our proposal meets your stated desire that this beautiful statue find a public home where it will be well maintained, appreciated and honored.

I appreciate the time spent with you in conversations concerning this matter and hope that you find our offer acceptable. In any event, thank you!

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Bernabei  
Mayor